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DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY,

OF CHARLESTON, S. C.

CHARTER.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON. }

To all whom these Present shall come :

I, THEO. G. BOAG, Clerk of Court of Common
Pleas and General Sessions, for the County
and State aforesaid, do hereby *Send Greeting :*

Whereas, Louisa McC. Smythe, Marie A.
Rhett, Elise B. Coward, Mary Miles and Martha
B. Washington, have filed with me their written
declaration, signed by themselves, setting forth
their names, and the facts that they all reside
in the County of Charleston, State of South
Carolina, and also that they desire to incorporate
themselves into a Society or Corporation, the

name of which shall be the Daughters of the Confederacy of Charleston, South Carolina, to be located in the City of Charleston, and the general purpose of which corporation is to be an Historical, Social and Benevolent one.

Now, Know all Men by these Presents, That I, the said Theo. G. Boag, Clerk of the Court as aforesaid, under and by virtue of the authority of law, do hereby certify that the above named parties, their associates and successors, are incorporated as a body politic and corporate, under the laws of the State of South Carolina, for the purposes named in the said declaration, and under the name therein mentioned, to wit: as an Historical, Social and Benevolent Corporation, to be known as the Daughters of the Confederacy, of Charleston, South Carolina, to be located in the City of Charleston, and State of South Carolina, and the general purpose of which shall be an Historical, Social and Benevolent one.

And the said Corporation shall have the following powers:

1st. To make By-Laws, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, or the United States.

2nd. To have and use a common seal, and the same to change at pleasure.

3rd. To sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded.

4th. To have, hold and keep such real and personal property as may be proper and necessary for corporate purposes, and the same to sell, alien, mortgage or otherwise dispose of at the will of said corporation.

5th. And any other powers common to such corporations and consistent with the laws of the land.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court at Charleston, this 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four and in the 119th year of the Independence of the United States.

[SEAL.]

THEO. G. BOAG,
Clerk of Court C. P. & G. S.

Charleston County.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a first Vice-President and a second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Historian, and a Board of twenty Directors, one of whom shall be designated as Chairman of the Board. They shall be elected annually, by the Association at its annual meeting and shall serve for one year, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I. Those women entitled to membership are the widows, wives, mothers, sisters, nieces, and lineal descendants of such men as served honorably in the Confederate Army, Navy or Civil Service, or of those persons who loyally gave material aid to the cause. Also women and their lineal descendants, wherever living, who can give proof of personal service and loyal aid to the Southern cause during the war.

SEC II. All applications for membership in this Association shall be in writing, in such form as may be prescribed by the Association. A

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as "THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY," of Charleston, South Carolina.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The objects of this Association shall be social, benevolent and historical. To aid, assist and relieve, to the extent of its ability needy Confederate Soldiers, to collect records and incidents of the Confederate war, to aid in the preservation of its history, the perpetuation of the principles involved in that struggle, and the memory of those who took part therein; and to see that there is laid before the rising generation an impartial and just account of that period of our history.

Committee on Applications to consist of three Directors, shall be appointed by the President, to whom all applications for membership shall be referred. This Committee shall report to the Board of Directors, and the Board shall submit all applications approved by them to the Association for its action. It shall require a three-fourth vote of all members present at any meeting of the Association to admit any applicant to membership.

ARTICLE V.

ANNUAL DUES.

No initiation fee shall be charged. The annual dues shall be One dollar (\$1.00) payable yearly in advance. This fee shall be remitted, if the party desiring membership cannot pay and has a strong claim to be enrolled as a Daughter of the Confederacy.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS.

The Annual meeting of this Association shall be held in each and every year on the 20th day of December, the anniversary of the Secession of the State of South Carolina. Regular meetings shall also be held on the 19th day of January, the anniversary of Gen. Robt. E. Lee's birth, on the 20th day of March, on the third day of June the birthday of Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States of America, and on the 20th day of October. Whenever any one of these days falls on Sunday the meeting shall be held on the day previous.

SEC. II. As far as practicable the meeting of January 19th, the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, shall be literary in character; and not confined to members of the Association. A suitable address shall be made at this meeting relating as far as practicable to the history of the South during the war between the States.

SEC. III. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called by her when requested by ten members of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. I. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall have the general supervision of all its affairs. She shall preside at all regular or called meetings of the Association, and at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

SEC. II. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of her duty, and in the absence of the President the Vice-President next in rank, and able to perform her duties, shall act as President and discharge the duties of the office.

SEC. III. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall in the absence of the President and two Vice Presidents, preside at the meetings of the Board and discharge the duties of President.

SEC. IV. The Recording Secretary shall keep a minute book in which shall be recorded an accurate report of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors.

She shall issue calls for all regular meetings and for all special meetings when requested by the President. She shall issue all notices and shall discharge such other duties as may be im-

posed upon her by the President or Board of Directors.

SEC. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, she shall keep and file all letters written by her on behalf of the Association. She shall notify all members of Committees of their appointment, and shall furnish the names of all members of Committees to their respective chairman.

She shall notify all members of the times of meetings, and she shall discharge such other duties as may be imposed upon her by the President or Board of Directors.

SEC. VI. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys collected and disburse the same under orders of the President and Board of Directors. She shall keep proper books of account which shall at all times be open to the inspection of any officer of the Association.

She shall make a quarterly report of the finances to the Association, showing all receipts and expenditures together with the balance on hand. She shall also submit a quarterly statement of the arrear list, showing arrears due by members. At the close of her term of office she shall furnish a statement of all Vouchers and papers relating to the Association. She shall deposit all funds in the name of the Association in some bank to be selected by the President or

Board of Directors. She shall pay orders drawn on her only when countersigned by the President, and shall draw her check against such deposit which check must be countersigned by the President. And she shall perform such other duties as may be required of her by the President and Board of Directors.

SEC. VII. It shall be the duty of the Historian to collect all records and incidents connected with the Confederate War, and to safely keep and preserve the same. To examine such histories as are in use in the public and private schools in this State, and to report the result of such examination to this Association for such action as it may deem proper. To keep all papers which may tend to the preservation of the truth about the Confederate War and the perpetuation of its memory. And she shall perform all such other duties as may be required of her by the President or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors shall have immediate charge and supervision of the affairs of the Association. The President and in her absence the Vice-Presidents according to their relative rank, and in their absence the Chairman of the

Board shall be the presiding and executive officer of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall meet on the Third Thursday of each month, (except the months of January, July, August and September,) and at such other times as they may be called together by the President. Five members of the Board shall constitute a Quorum.

They shall during the intervals of the meetings of the Association, possess all the powers and discharge all the functions of the Association. They shall submit to each quarterly meeting of the Association a report of their actions and doings for its information and confirmation.

The Board shall have immediate supervision of the duties of the Treasurer and Historian, and in the case of default of their duty, shall have the power to suspend or remove the same until next meeting of the Association. The Board may receive and act upon all letters of Application for membership, subject to the confirmation of the Association.

ARTICLE X.

RULES OF ORDER.

The order of business at each meeting of the Association shall be as follows:

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Reading of the Minutes.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Report of Board of Directors.
6. Report of any special Committees.
7. Application for Membership.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Election of Officers.
11. Adjournment.

ARTICLE XI.

SEAL.

The seal of this Association shall be a reproduction of the Seal of the Confederate States of America, with the addition of the inscription "Daughters of the Confederacy, of Charleston, S. C." All officials documents emanating from the headquarters of the Association shall bear the impress of that Seal.

ARTICLE XII.

BADGES.

The badges worn shall consist of a representation of the Confederate Flag, stars and bars of red, blue and white enamel, surrounded by a laurel wreath, with letters "D. C." under the Flag, on the end of the bow tying the wreath, with the dates "61-65."

ARTICLE XIII.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.

A certificate of membership shall be given to each member signed by the President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the President of the State Division and the Secretary, with the seal of the Association affixed thereto.

ARTICLE XIV.

AMENDMENTS.

These by-laws may be suspended at any meeting by unanimous vote, and may be amended by a two-third vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at a previous meeting. *sus*